

I STRONGLY urge the FCC to keep existing rules restricting media ownership and consolidation in place.

The proliferation of alternative media channels does not obviate the responsibility of the government to ensure the greatest use of public property. The airwaves are public property and the wholesale transfer of such a critical component of the nation's communications resources to a handful of large conglomerates is a heinous violation of the public trust and the government's fiduciary duty.

Regardless of the existence of alternative media outlets the majority of the American public continue to receive most of the news and information via traditional broadcast channels. Consolidation in these media is damaging to the fabric of public life and concentrates dangerous power in the hands of a small plutocracy under no obligation to advance public knowledge and debate. The existing major media outlets are already woefully inadequate in fulfilling their obligation to use public broadcast space for the public good. A further concentration of such resources bodes ill for the future development of our information landscape.